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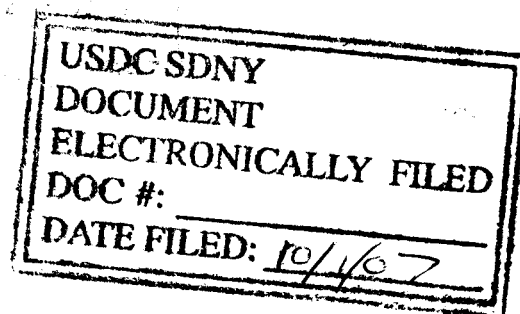
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**By Facsimile (212) 805-6390**

Hon. William H. Pauley  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

**MEMO ENDORSED**

Re: **The Rice Co. v. Express Sea Transport Corp.**  
Docket No.: 07 Civ. 7077 (WHP)  
LML ref: 1213



Dear Judge Pauley:

We represent the Defendant, Express Sea Transport Corp. ("Defendant"), in the above referenced action and we write to request an extension of time to file Defendant's Reply Memorandum and supporting declarations with reference to the pending Motion to Vacate Maritime Attachment.

Defendant filed a Motion to Vacate Maritime Attachment on September 18, 2007. According to the scheduling Order set forth by the Court, Defendant is to submit its Reply today, October 28, 2007. However, as we informed Plaintiff's counsel, the London solicitors, with whom will need to consult in order to draft the Reply, are unavailable this week.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the deadline to submit Defendant's Reply to the Memorandum in Opposition to Motion to Vacate be moved to October 2, 2007. Plaintiff's counsel has consented to this request.

We are available to discuss the matters raised herein at your Honor's convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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*Application granted.*

**SO ORDERED:**

**WILLIAM H. PAULEY III U.S.D.J.**

*9/28/07*